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COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Memoriam

THOMAS ALOYSIUS McELMELL

Act. Second Assistant Engineer (Master) U. S. Navy

DIED AT NEW YORK CITY MAY 29 1915

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THOMAS ALOYSIUS McELMELL.

Mate U. S. Navy December 6, 1861; Acting Ensign October 9, 1862; resigned and honorably discharged June 1, 1863.

Acting Third Assistant Engineer U. S. Navy April 19, 1864; Acting Second Assistant Engineer (Master) March 28, 1865; resigned and honorably discharged September 11, 1868.

Elected February 6, 1889. Class 1. Insignia 6768.

Council of the Commandery May 6, 1903-1904.

Senior Vice-Commander May 5-29, 1915.

Born September 5, 1842, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Died May 29, 1915, at New York City.

Companion Thomas A. McElmell was ordered as Mate to the U. S. S. Octorora and proceeded with the vessel to Hampton Roads, Va. Afterwards the Octorora went to Mississippi River as the flagship of Porter's Bomb Flotilla, participating in the first battle of Vicksburg July, 1862. He was promoted to Acting Ensign October 9, 1862, and ordered to the Gunboat Indianola. This vessel, in an engagement, was captured by the Confederate Ram Webb. Together with the captain and other officers, were confined in Vicksburg and Libby Prison for four months. He returned home in broken health and resigned from the service. He reentered the service as Acting Third Assistant Engineer April 19, 1864, and was ordered to the U. S. S. Richmond in Admiral Farragut's Squadron. Took part in the battle of Mobile Bay and the capture of the Rebel Ram Tennessee. Promoted to Acting Second Assistant Engineer March 28, 1865. September 25, 1865, was ordered to the U. S. S. Vanderbilt and convoyed the Monitor Monadnock from Philadelphia to Mare Island Navy Yard. Afterwards was transferred from the Vanderbilt and served for different periods on the U. S. Steamers Saginaw, Mohongo and Pensacola. September 11, 1868, was honorably discharged from the Navy.

After leaving the service he devoted many years to prospecting in the West. Later he entered commercial life with the New York Lubricating Oil Co., New York City, eventually becoming its vice-president, and afterwards retired, due to enfeebled health. Companion McElmell never married.

Companion McElmell was elected Senior Vice-Commander of the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, but, due to his illness and death, never filled the office.

The following is an extract from the last will and testament of deceased Companion McElmell:

"I give and bequeath the sum of three hundred dollars to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, for application to the purposes of the Schober Library."

His funeral services were held in the Chapel of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Philadelphia, on June 4, 1915, and the remains sent to Washington, D. C., for interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

Companion McElmell was a gentleman, whose genial companionship will be missed by his many friends in the service and civil life.

NALBRO' F. THOMSON,
JAMES W. COLLUM,
Committee.

By command of

Paymaster THOMAS SKELTON HARRISON, U. S. N.
Commander

JOHN P. NICHOLSON
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. V.
Recorder

Official

Recorder

